

a first memory that (i) inputs and stores data for each of a plurality of jobs, (ii) transfers the data for each of the plurality of jobs to an output device, and (iii) inputs a selection of whether or not history information for at least one of the plurality of jobs is to be stored;

a second memory;

a controller that, when a transfer of data from the first memory has ended for a given job, stores history information for the given job in said second memory in accordance with the input selection of whether or not history information for at least one of the plurality of jobs is to be stored; and

an interface circuit that receives a status inquiry and forwards the status inquiry to said controller,

wherein upon receipt of the status inquiry, said controller retrieves the history information from said second memory stored in accordance with the input selection and, if the history information was stored, sends the retrieved history information to said interface circuit.

2. (Not Presently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first and second memories are located in the same physical device.

3. (Not Presently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the history information indicates whether the transfer of data for a given job has terminated normally, terminated abnormally, or terminated as a result of a stop instruction received from a user.

4. (Not Presently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the status inquiry includes information that specifies at least one category of data transfer job, and said controller sends to said interface circuit history information corresponding only to the specified at least one category of data job.

5. (Unamended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the output device comprises a printer.

6. (Not Presently Amended) A data processing apparatus comprising:
connection means for connecting to an external device;
input means for inputting an instruction to execute a job and whether the external device is to be informed of a result of a processing of the job;
processing means for processing the job based on the instruction input by said input means; and
informing means for informing the external device of the result of the job processing executed by said processing means through said connection means when the external device is to be informed of the result of the job processing.

7. (Not Presently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising storage means for storing the result of the job processing in correspondence with a job type,
wherein said informing means informs said storage means of the result of the job processing.

8. (Not Presently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said storage means stores the result of the job processing together with time information.

9. (Not Presently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said storage means selectively stores the result of the job processing according to the job type.

10. (Not Presently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said informing means informs the result of the job processing in response to an instruction provided from the external device connected to said connection means.

11. (Not Presently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said connection means is connected to a network for connecting a plurality of terminals and said informing means informs one of the plurality of terminals connected to the network of the result of the job processing.

12. (Not Presently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said informing means informs the one of the plurality terminals of the result of the job in correspondence with a user inquiry made at one of the plurality of terminals.

13. (Not Presently Amended) A control method of a data processing apparatus executing a job, comprising the steps of:

discriminating a result of a job executed by said data processing apparatus;

determining if an external device should be informed of the result based on an input; and

informing an external device connected to said data processing apparatus of the discriminated result to the job if said determining step determines that the external device is to be informed of the result of the job.

14. (Not Presently Amended) A control method according to claim 13, further comprising a step of storing the result of the job in correspondence with a job type, wherein the informing step informs the external device of the result of the job stored in said storing step.

15. (Not Presently Amended) A computer readable program, stored in a storage medium, for controlling a data processing apparatus executing a job, said computer readable program comprising the steps of:

discriminating a result of a job executed by said data processing apparatus;
determining if an external device should be informed of the result based on an input; and

informing an external device connected to said data processing apparatus of the determined result of the job if said determining step determines that the external device is to be informed of the result of the job.